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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action, dated June 23, 1999, (Paper No. 3) for the above-identified application. Please enter the following Amendment and Remarks, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows.

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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

1. (Amended) A femur endoprosthetic for an artificial hip joint adapted to be implanted in only the neck of the femur, comprising a shell (1') implantable without cement in an upper region of a femur (40') below the greater trochanter, a proximal end (8') of the shell being connectable with an adapter (2') for accommodating an artificial spherical joint part (20'), a distal